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similar to NIFA in that the bonds it issues are not guaranteed by the state, but it does provide a way to lower interest rates for school (inaudible). The provision which is clarified relates to institution eligibility for the program. The current law contains a very broad provision prohibiting discrimination based upon race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or handicap. The Bond Council has an opinion that this provision is so broad that it would prevent the college of St. Mary's from participating in the program because the college only admits women. We worked with language since the original bill to get language which would maintain the purpose of end to discrimination provision, but it would allow participation in NEFA fund by colleges who are in compliance with all other federal and state discrimination laws. Senator Bohlke has an amendment which will help clarify this broad language in the bill as it is right now.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, I understand we have committee amendments.

CLERK: Committee amendments by the Education Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, this is AM1232. Right, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Ahh...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Straight to that amendment.

CLERK: Well, Senator, what I...okay. I...I've got committee amendments. Do you want to go to your amendment to those?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Right. Thank you.

CLERK: Okay. First of all, I do have that, but we want to withdraw AM558, I believe, Senator.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct.